



Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed:

The examiner contacted the applicant, discussing potentially allowable subject matter, and remaining issues, with suggestions of claim amendment. The examiner indicated that 1) claim 1 recites "A peptide that is a maturation product of the human BPLP", however, the required SEQ ID NO:6 is not such a product as X1-X2 may not be part of the original human BPLP sequence according to the limitation, and the peptide is modified; 2) claim 3 recites " wherein said metallo-ectopeptidase is NEP or APN", however, NEP is neutral endopeptidase (see specification, page 2, line 22), not ectopeptidase, and APN (aminopeptidase) is an exopeptidase, but not a metallo-ectopeptidase; thus, changes are needed for both claims 1 and 3; and 3) similar amendment is needed for claims 15 and 16. Applicants agreed with the examiner's suggestions.